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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF USG FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL FROM
ETHIOPIA

REFERENCE: STATE 092279

1. IN ORDER TO REGISTER OUR CONCERNS WITH THE ETHIOPIAN
ACTION IN REQUIRING A PRECIPITATE WITHDRAWAL OF USG
FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL, WE CONTACTED THE ETHIOPIAN
CHARGE GETACHEW TADESSE AT 2030 HOURS, APRIL 23 TO
COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING;

2. QUOTE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ACTIONS OF THE ETHIOPIAN
GOVERNMENT IN CLOSING DOWN FIVE USG OPERATIONS IN
ETHIOPIA ARE UNWARRANTED, SPECIFICALLY, THE UNREASONABLY
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SHORT DEADLINE OF FOUR DAYS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE
PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE OPERATIONS. WE FORMALLY
REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF THAT DEADLINE TO PERMIT THE
ORDERLY AND SAFE WITHDRAWAL OF THOSE PERSONNEL, THEIR
DEPENDENTS, THEIR HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT. WE
BELIEVE THAT THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ETHIOPIAN
GOVERNMENT OF THE ALLEGED REASONS FOR THOSE DECISIONS IS

BOTH ERRONEOUS AND INFLAMMATORY. WE WISH TO REMIND THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT MOST FORCEFULLY OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF THOSE AMERICANS WHO WILL BE LEAVING ETHIOPIA AND THOSE WHO WILL BE STAYING, AND OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF AMERICAN PROPERTY IN ETHIOPIA, PARTICULARLY PROPERTY TEMPORARILY LEFT BEHIND. UNQUOTE.

2. CHARGE MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT BUT INDICATED HE WAS NOT RPT NOT OFFICIALLY AWARE OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY HIS GOVERNMENT.

4. YOUR GUIDANCE THIS SUBJECT REMAINS AS CONTAINED REFTEL. IN ADDITION YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY, AS COVERED IN LAST SENTENCE OF OUR DEMARCHE TO ETHIOPIAN CHARGE.

5. YOU SHOULD INFORM THE EPMG THAT, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT'S DECISION, THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO SEND MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO ASMARA TO WITHDRAW THE AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOCATED THERE. WE EXPECT THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES IN ASMARA AND ELSEWHERE WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THOSE FLIGHTS AND IN TAKING MEASURES TO INSURE THAT NO INCIDENTS OCCUR.

6. WITH REGARD TO KAGNEW STATION, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE
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OUR RIGHT UNDER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR ORDERLY TERMINATION OF OUR OPERATION, INCLUDING THE CONVENING OF A JOINT COMMISSION FOR THIS PURPOSE (AS WE HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED IN OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTE).
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